

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting –
Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

*Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.
except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting,
and dog training activities.*

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting. Special-use permits are required for field trials.
- No horseback riding allowed.
- No motorized vehicles or bicycles allowed.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- No camping allowed.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- An Aquatic Resource Education Pond, located on the west side of Highway UU, just south of County Road 94, is available for exclusive use of groups under the regulations of an “Urban Fishing Program.” This pond is not open to public fishing. Contact the Springfield Regional Office at (417) 895-6880 for details.
- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- All black bass more than 12 inches but less than 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Daily limits are 6 black bass, 4 catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish), and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- All hunters must check in/out at area headquarters before and after hunting.
- All hunters require a valid “Area Daily Hunting Tag,” available at no charge at area headquarters, located at county roads 59 and 94.

- Dove hunting is open from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset. Dove hunting zones may be assigned during the first seven days of the season.
- Quail may be taken from Nov. 1 through Dec. 15.
- Rabbit hunting is permitted under statewide regulations.
- Firearms discharging single projectiles are prohibited except for deer hunting as authorized in the annual Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information booklet.
- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: only archery methods may be used. Deer hunting with firearms is prohibited.
- Portable tree stands may be used between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Stands must be identified with the name and address, or conservation number of the user. Screw-in steps or other materials that would damage the tree are prohibited.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

From Willard, take Hwy 160 west approximately 4 miles to Farm Road 61. Go south on Farm Road 61, the area headquarters are located west of the junction of farm roads 61 and 94.

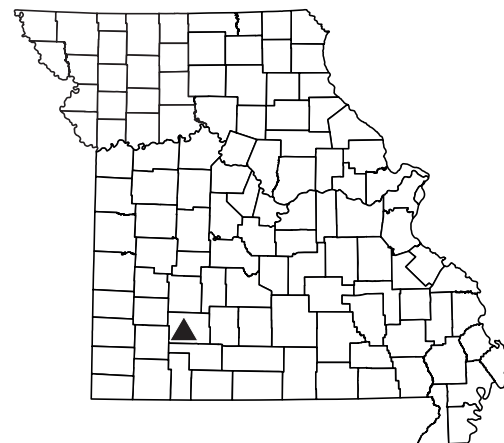
For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
2630 N. Mayfair
Springfield, MO 65803
(417) 895-6880
Shooting Range: (417) 742-4361

Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

Bois D' Arc

CONSERVATION AREA



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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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